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City of Barrie

Final

Heritage Barrie Committee

Wednesday, November 10, 2021 | **6:30 PM** | **Virtual Meeting**

For consideration by the City Building Committee on November 23, 2021

The meeting was called to order by Chair, Councillor, C. Riepma 6:31 p.m. The following were in attendance for the meeting:

Present: 9 - Councillor C. Riepma
Councillor J. Harris
Vice Chair C. Froese
C. Colebatch
D. Exel
K. MacKinnon
S. Mackinnon
S. Marchant
D. Moore

STAFF:
Committee Support Clerk, T. Maynard
Culture Officer (Development), A. Dyke
Director of Economic and Creative Development, S. Schlichter
Planner, T. Wierzba.

The Heritage Barrie Committee met and reports as follows:

SECTION "A"

PRESENTATION CONCERNING RESTORATION AND DONATION OF HISTORIC TRAIN ENGINE 1531

Stephannie Schlichter, Director of Economic of Creative Development and Amanda Dyke, Culture Officer (Development) provided a presentation concerning the restoration and donation of Historic Train Engine 1531.

Ms. Schlichter discussed slides concerning the following topics:

- Council's direction to consult with the Committee concerning relocation of Historic Train Engine 1531;
- A project overview of Engine 1531;
- The current status of Engine 1531;
- The municipalities relationship with the Simcoe County Museum;
- The challenges and considerations for the Simcoe County Museum related to the train;
- The options of restoring versus donating Engine 1531 to the Simcoe County Museum;
- The Allandale Station and Southshore Park locations;
- The impacts on Heritage Tourism;
- A preliminary cost benefit analysis associated with Engine 1531; and
- Staff's recommendation to donate Engine 1531 to the Simcoe County Museum.

Members of Committee asked a number of questions of Ms. Schlichter and Ms. Dyke and received responses.

The Committee discussed the costs and benefits associated with restoring versus donating Engine 1531 to the Simcoe County Museum. They agreed that locating the train at the Museum would provide more educational opportunities for the public. The Committee discussed potential safety and security concerns related to the train being relocated to the City versus the Simcoe County Museum.

The Committee agreed with staff's recommendation in Staff Report ECD004-21 presented to General Committee on September 13, 2021, to restore and donate the Historic Train Engine 1531 to the Simcoe County Museum. They also recommended that a historic train exhibit or display be erected in the vicinity of Allandale Station to recognize the significance of railway history in Barrie.

The Heritage Barrie Committee met and recommends adoption of the following recommendation(s):

SECTION "B"

RESTORATION AND DONATION OF HISTORIC TRAIN ENGINE 1531

That in response to motion 21-G-218 requiring staff to consult with the Heritage Barrie Committee on costs associated with relocating Engine 1531 to the Allandale Station area, the Heritage Barrie Committee recommends that the following original recommendation in Staff Report ECD004-21, Restoration and Donation of Historic Train Engine 1531, be approved:

"1. That subject to the approval of the County of Simcoe, staff in the Economic and Creative Development Department be authorized to negotiate an agreement with the Simcoe County Museum for donation of Engine 1531, its tender box and its caboose (referred to as Engine 1531) that identifies the donation, to be included as part of the Museum's larger exhibit regarding local railway heritage, with an emphasis on City of Barrie and the Allandale Station, subject to terms and conditions to the satisfaction of the Director of Economic and Creative Development and in a form to the satisfaction of the Director of Legal Services.

2. That the City Clerk be authorized to execute the donation agreement subject to the terms of the agreement being to the satisfaction of the Director of Finance/Treasurer and in a form to the satisfaction of the Director of Legal Services.

3. That funding in the amount of $150,000, $100,000, and $64,000 be included in the Capital Budget request for the years 2022-2024 respectively, funded from the Reinvestment Reserve in order to complete the restoration work needed to restore Engine 1531 to a condition suitable for donation.

4. That staff in the Economic and Creative Development and Corporate Facilities Departments incorporate a program to include community displays for recognizing the railway as part of the City's heritage and as part of the City's restoration work at Allandale Station, in consultation with the Allandale Neighbourhood Association and Heritage Barrie and report back to General Committee with options and costs associated with the recognition program." (ECD004-21) (21-G-218)

This matter was recommended to City Building Committee for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 11/23/2021.

The Heritage Barrie Committee met and reports as follows:

SECTION "C"

COMMITTEE BUDGET UPDATE

Councillor, C. Riepma provided an update concerning the Committee's 2021 Budget. He noted that the 2022 Budget has not yet been approved. The Committee agreed to prioritize projects for the 2022 Budget and discuss at the next meeting.

The Committee approved an expenditure of funds from the Heritage Barrie Committee cost centre #1025-620200 for an amount of $100.00 to be donated to the Royal Canadian Legion Barrie Branch in recognition of Remembrance Day and commitment to preserving Barrie's history.

2021 HERITAGE BARRIE AWARDS

Tomasz Wierzba, Planner provided an update on the 2021 Heritage Barrie Awards. He advised that nominations are now open and deadline for submissions is November 26, 2021.

Mr. Wierzba advised that he has been working with staff in Access Barrie on a communications strategy and that he will be circulating information about the Awards to community partners/stakeholders to assist with promoting the Awards.

The Committee suggested potential properties for the 2021 Heritage Barrie Awards and agreed to discuss further at the next meeting.

The Committee approved an expenditure of funds from the Heritage Barrie Committee cost centre #1025-620200 in an amount up to $500.00 for advertising, promotional material and communications related to the 2021 Heritage Barrie Awards.

2022 HERITAGE WEEK

Tomasz Wierzba, Planner provided an update concerning the 2022 Heritage Week. He mentioned that Heritage Week takes place annually during the month of February and that dates are still to be determined for 2022.

The Committee discussed potential ideas for the 2022 Heritage Week that included the presentation to the 2021 Heritage Barrie Award recipients at a City Council meeting in February, 2022.

Shelley Marchant suggested establishing a sub-committee for the 2022 Heritage Week. The Committee agreed to discuss further at their next meeting.

HERITAGE PLAQUES

Tomasz Wierzba, Planner provided an update concerning the type, size, circa date and costs associated with heritage plaques for listed properties on the Municipal Heritage Register.

The Committee provided their feedback to Mr. Wierzba concerning the heritage plaques including the circa dates. They noted their preference to include a circa on the heritage plaques for listed properties. The Committee suggested creating a signage policy to indicate the differences between the types of heritage plaques for designated and listed properties

Mr. Wierzba advised that he will contact the property owners that indicated their intent for a heritage plaque for their listed property to determine their preference on a circa date for their plaque.

DEBRIEF HERITAGE STAKEHOLDERS MEETING

Shelley Marchant provided an overview on the items discussed at the Heritage Stakeholder meeting on October 6, 2021 that included a communications strategy, conservation districts and signage, growing heritage tourism, public art and murals, heritage awards and communication and potential opportunities to collaborate with the community organizations or stakeholders to promote or support heritage related projects.

Ms. Marchant thanked the Committee for organizing a fantastic stakeholder meeting with great discussions. The Committee provided their positive feedback concerning the meeting.

SUB-COMMITTEE - BRADFORD PROPERTIES REPORT

Tomasz Wierzba, Planner provided an update in response to motion 20-G-046 regarding the Municipal Heritage Register and the City-owned properties located at 151, 155 and 161 Bradford Street. He advised that staff in Development Services are in the process of drafting a staff report related to the Bradford Street properties and that the Committee will need to prepare a memorandum addressing the rationale for adding these properties to the Municipal Heritage Register as listed properties. Mr. Wierzba suggested establishing a sub-committee for the Bradford Street Properties.

The Committee discussed establishing a Bradford Properties Report Sub-Committee. Cathy Colebatch volunteered to draft the memorandum with assistance from the Committee as required.

SUB-COMMITTEE - ALLANDALE GO TUNNEL ART

Tomasz Wierzba, Planner provided an update concerning the Allandale GO Tunnel Art Project including the potential of establishing a sub-committee to assist with moving the art project forward.

The Committee discussed the Allandale GO Tunnel Art Project. Councillor, J. Harris and Craig Froese volunteered to sit on the Allandale GO Tunnel Art Sub-Committee.

STATUS OF POTENTIAL LISTINGS TO THE MUNICIPAL HERITAGE REGISTER

Tomasz Wierzba, Planner advised that requests have been received for 123 Toronto Street, 50 William Street, 90 Cumberland Street, 97 Cumberland Street and 105 Cumberland Street to be added to the Municipal Heritage Register as listed properties. He discussed the heritage attributes listed on the evaluation forms for each of the properties including historical value, style and history of each property.

The Committee provided feedback concerning the properties and recommended adding 123 Toronto Street, 50 William Street, 90 Cumberland Street, 97 Cumberland Street and 105 Cumberland Street on the Municipal Heritage Register as listed properties.

The Heritage Barrie Committee met and recommends adoption of the following recommendation(s):

SECTION "D"

MUNICIPAL HERITAGE REGISTER - 123 TORONTO STREET, 50 WILLIAM STREET, 90, 97 AND 105 CUMBERLAND STREET

That the properties known municipally as the following be added to the Municipal Heritage Register as listed properties:

a) 123 Toronto Street;
b) 50 William Street;
c) 90 Cumberland Street;
d) 97 Cumberland Street; and
e) 105 Cumberland Street.

This matter was recommended to City Building Committee for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 11/23/2021.

The Heritage Barrie Committee met and reports as follows:

SECTION "E"

DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS UNDER REVIEW

Tomasz Wierzba, Planner provided an update on the status of the proposed development located at 259 and 273 Innisfil Street, and 41 and 43 Essa Road. He advised that the development application will be brought forth to the Committee to provide comments at a future meeting.

Cathy Colebatch advised that a Public Meeting has been scheduled for the application at the next Planning Committee meeting to be held on November 23, 2021.

Tomasz Wierzba, Planner provided an update regarding the status of the proposed development located at 181 Burton Avenue. He explained that the Committee is not required to provide a recommendation since there is no listed or designated cultural heritage in the surrounding area of the property location. Mr. Wierzba suggested that if the Committee members have any comments related to the development, to forward them to him.

2022 COMMITTEE MEETING SCHEDULE

The Committee met and discussed their 2022 meeting schedule and chose to meet on the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 6:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:59 p.m.

CHAIRMAN